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//((INTERVIEW WITH LIBYAN LEADER COLONEL MU'AMMAR AL-QADHDHAFI BY AL-AHRAM EDITOR IN CHIEF IBRAHIM NAFI' IN ASWAN, EGYPT--DATE NOT GIVEN))

((TEXT)) IBRAHIM NAFI': IT MIGHT BE SUITABLE AND LOGICAL, BROTHER COLONEL, TO BEGIN OUR DIALOGUE FROM LAST MONTH'S TUNIS MEETING, WHICH WAS THE LATEST MAJOR ARAB EVENT. WHAT IS YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE OF THE ARAB MAGHREB UNION, AND HOW DO YOU VIEW THE MECHANISM BY WHICH FULL COORDINATION AND COOPERATION CAN BE ACHIEVED AMONG THE THREE ARAB GROUPINGS?

COL. AL-QADHDHAFI: YOU KNOW THAT WE ORIGINALLY PROCEED FROM THE CALL FOR A COMPREHENSIVE ARAB UNITY AND YOU KNOW THAT IN THE PAST, COLONIALIST SCHEMES WERE PROPOSED FOR THE REGION SUCH AS THE UNION OF THE FERTILE CRESCENT AND THE NILE VALLEY, BUT THE REVOLUTIONARIES AND UNIONIST ARABS RESISTED THESE SCHEMES AT THAT TIME AND

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CONSIDERED THEM A FRAGMENTATION OF THE ARAB NATION AND THE ONE HOMELAND AND PEOPLE. THEY CALLED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE UNITY FROM THE OCEAN TO THE GULF. AFTERWARD, ALL ARAB OR PAN-ARAB SLOGANS AS WELL AS THE NASIRIST SLOGANS CALLED FOR ARAB UNITY. THIS WAS IN THE PAST. NOW WE HAVE REACHED A STAGE IN WHICH SERIOUS DOWNFALLS OCCURRED ON THE PAN-ARAB LEVEL AND DURING WHICH THE NATION'S HOPES FOR UNITY WERE SHATTERED AND CHALLENGES THAT FRAGMENTED THE NATION EMERGED. THEREFORE, THERE CAME THE DECISION TO RESCUE WHAT COULD BE SALVAGED, AND WE BEGAN TO ACCEPT THESE GROUPINGS. WE SAID IF COLONIALISM SOUGHT FOR THESE GROUPINGS TO BE SECESSIONIST OR FRAGMENTARY TO ARAB UNITY, WHY DON'T WE DO THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT IS SOUGHT IN ORDER TO UNITE THE ARAB NATION BY MEANS OF THESE GROUPINGS? THE MATTER, HOWEVER, HINGES UPON THE ACTIVE POWERS IN THESE GROUPINGS. IF THESE POWERS ARE EFFECTIVE AND INFLUENTIAL, THEY WILL BE SERIOUS AND LOYAL TO THIS NATION EVEN IF THIS UNITY IS--GOD FORBID--CALLED OPPORTUNIST OR MIGHT DEAL A MORTAL BLOW TO THE ARAB NATION AND FRAGMENT THE ONE HOMELAND. WHAT IS CERTAIN IS THAT THE ARAB BROTHERS FORMING THESE COUNCILS FEEL THE NEED FOR ARAB UNITY. THEY REALIZE THAT IT IS A SPECIAL REQUIREMENT, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE EMERGENCE OF EUROPEAN UNITY AND EUROPEAN CHANGES. WE HAVE ENTERED AN ERA WHERE NO COUNTRY WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE IT ON ITS OWN AND WITHOUT BEING PART OF A GROUP. THIS APPLIES EVEN TO THE BIG NUCLEAR POWERS LIKE FRANCE AND BRITAIN. THEY HAVE FOUND OUT THAT HENCEFORTH THEY CANNOT CONTINUE IN THIS AGE ALONE, AND THEY SHOULD BE GROUPED IN ONE BLOC IN THE EEC, AND THAT THEY MIGHT TURN INTO ONE STATE. BUT DO OUR ARAB GROUPINGS HAVE THE SAME PRINCIPLED PROCEEDINGS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE ARAB UNITY? I PRESENTED A PLAN CALLED THE ARAB UNION AND MERGED IT WITH THE ARAB LEAGUE CHARTER AMENDMENT PROGRAM. IT WAS ADOPTED BY THE CASABLANCA SUMMIT CONFERENCE AND BY PRESIDENT MUBARAK WHO ATTENDED THE SUMMIT. BY THIS PLAN I ATTEMPTED TO GROUP THE THREE COUNCILS TOGETHER, IN ADDITON TO THE ARAB COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NOT MEMBERS TO ANY OF THEM. THIS IS AIMED AT TURNING THE SUMMIT CONFERENCES INTO SPECIALIZED PRESIDENCY COUNCILS, THAT IS, A COUNCIL FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTERS, A COUNCIL FOR INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE, AND SO FORTH. THESE COUNCILS WOULD BE GIVEN AN ECONOMIC CONTENT WITHIN THE POLITICAL FRAMEWORK--AND THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING--THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ARAB AUTHORITY FOR BORDERS, AN ARAB AUTHORITY FOR WATER, GAS, AND ELECTRICITY, AND SO FORTH. ECONOMIC UNITY WOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN THIS FORMULA. WE ARE, HOWEVER, AT THE BEGINNING AND IT IS DIFFICULT WO PREDICT HOW THE PICTURE WILL BE TOMORROW. BUT WE HAVE TO DRAW THE PICTURE WE WANT AND ATTEMPT TO MOVE THE GIVEN FACTS IN THE DIRECTION OF THE REQUIRED PICTURE WHICH FULFILLS THE NATION'S HOPE FOR UNITY.

IBRAHIM NAFI': BUT DOES THE BROTHER COLONEL STILL BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP A COMMON ARAB MARKET SHORTLY THAT WOULD IMPOSE A NEW UNIFIED ARAB WILL?

COL. AL-QADHDHAFI: THE ARAB MARKET WAS THERE. I MEAN IT WAS DECIDED IN THE ARAB LEAGUE AGREEMENTS ... AND THE ARAB DEFENSE. THE FACT IS THAT THE PAST AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED UNDER THE ARAB LEAGUE WERE MUCH BETTER THAN THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENTS UNDER THE EEC. BUT OUR AGREEMENTS REMAINED INK ON PAPER. THE DEFECT LIES IN THE FACT THAT THERE WAS NO SERIOUS ARAB DESIRE TO IMPLEMENT THEM. THEREFORE,

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WHEN THE SETTING UP OF SPECIALIZED ARAB COUNCILS WAS PROPOSED, THE AIM WAS TO BREATHE LIFE INTO THE ARAB LEAGUE AGREEMENTS AND TREATIES BECAUSE ONCE WE APPLY THEM WE WILL ACHIEVE MUCH MORE THAN THE EEC CAN DO.

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((TEXT)) IBRAHIM NAFI': BROTHER COLONEL, I BELIEVE THAT THE MOST SERIOUS ISSUE WITH WHICH THE ARABS ARE PREOCCUPIED NOW IS THE SEARCH FOR THE BEST METHOD TO EMBARK ON A COMPREHENSIVE ARAB MOVE TO FACE THE SOVIET JEWS' IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE. IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT IS THE PRACTICAL WAY TO AVERT THIS DANGER WHILE MAINTAINING THE PEACE PROCESS?

COL. AL-QADHDHAFI: THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION. THERE IS NO DOUBT THIS EMIGRATION CONSTITUTES A GRAVE THREAT TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THE ARAB NATION. THE DIRECT CONSEQUENCES ARE REPRESENTED BY SEIZING THE REST OF THE ARAB LAND AND EXPELLING MORE PALESTINIANS FROM PALESTINE. THIS MIGRATION COULD ALSO LEAD TO WAR, BECAUSE THE PRESENCE OF JEWS IN GREATER NUMBERS ON THIS LAND, PALESTINE, WILL ENTICE THEM TO EXPAND AT THE EXPENSE OF THE ARABS, TO ESTABLISH THEIR GREATER STATE, AND TO SEEK THE REALIZATION OF THEIR HISTORICAL DREAM OF A GREATER STATE EXTENDING FROM THE EUPHRATES TO THE NILE.

HENCE, I RECORD FROM THE BEGINNING THAT THIS EMIGRATION

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CONSTITUTES A DANGER TO THE ARAB NATION. HOWEVER--REGRETTABLY--IN ORDER NOT TO DECEIVE THE ARAB MASSES, I SAY THAT NOTHING CAN PREVENT IT, EVEN IF WE MEET IN AN ARAB SUMMIT OR ANYTHING ELSE. THIS IS BECAUSE THE USSR CANNOT STOP THE JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE; IT DOES NOT HAVE REASONS TO DO SO. ON THE OTHER HAND, THIS EMIGRATION IS A BASIC CONDITION THE UNITED STATES SET TO THE USSR IN RETURN FOR THE CURRENT DETENTE, DISARMAMENT, AND ASSISTANCE AND LOANS FROM THE WEST.

THEREFORE, AMERICA, NOT THE USSR, IS THE FIRST PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS IMMIGRATION. AND U.S. MONEY ENCOURAGED THE IMMIGRANTS TO BUY ARAB LAND AND TO SETTLE ON IT. THE USSR ONLY ALLOWS THEM TO LEAVE; IT DOES NOT GIVE THEM MONEY TO LIVE AND SETTLE ON ARAB LAND. THE BILLIONS OF U.S. DOLLARS HELP THEM DO THIS AND SUPPLY THEM WITH ARMS.

IN LIGHT OF ALL THIS, I DOUBT VERY MUCH THAT THE ARABS WILL CONVENE AN ANTI-U.S. CONFERENCE. THIS IS A SERIOUS GAME. IF A STATEMENT WERE TO BE ISSUED THAT THE ARABS ARE GOING TO HOLD AN ANTI-SOVIET CONFERENCE BECAUSE OF THE SOVIET IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE, THIS WOULD DRIVE A WEDGE IN ARAB-SOVIET RELATIONS TO FURTHER ISOLATE THE ARABS AND TO PLACE THEM UNDER U.S. MERCY. SWIFT, DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS ARE TAKING PLACE IN THE ENTIRE WORLD AND THE REGION, AND COULD PLACE US UNDER A NEW FAIT ACCOMPLI THAT MIGHT LEAD TO WAR.

IBRAHIM NAFI': HOWEVER, DIDN'T AMERICA ANNOUNCE THAT THIS EMIGRATION WAS NOT ALLOWED TO SETTLE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY, BUT IN OTHER PLACES?

COL. AL-QADHDHAFI: I CONSIDER THE LAND FROM THE RIVER TO THE SEA AN OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY.

IBRAHIM NAFI': AND I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT NOT EVEN HALF OF THE LAND IS NOT UNDER OCCUPATION?

COL. AL-QADHDHAFI: ARE NOT GAZA, PALESTINE, AND GOLAN OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY? THE OCCUPATION, HOWEVER, CAME IN STAGES--IN 1948, IN 1967, AND IN THE 1980'S.

IBRAHIM NAFI': THIS IS CORRECT. THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT 650,000 OR 750,000 SOVIET JEWS WHO WILL IMMIGRATE TO THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY WITHIN FOUR OR FIVE YEARS. WILL WE STAND WITH FOLDED HANDS DURING THIS PERIOD?

COL. AL-QADHDHAFI: WHAT CAN THE ARABS DO IF AMERICA ORDERED THE IMMIGRATION? WILL THEY PUNISH AMERICA? IF THEY CAN DO THIS, THE IMMIGRATION WILL STOP AT ONCE, AND IF THEY CANNOT, THE IMMIGRATION WILL NOT STOP. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, THE ARABS STOP THE FLOW OF OIL TO AMERICA, BOYCOTT IT ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY, AND SHIFT THEIR FRIENDSHIP TO THE USSR, CHINA, OR EUROPE THEY MIGHT ACHIEVE SOMETHING. BUT, I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE ARABS TODAY CAN PUNISH AMERICA.

IBRAHIM NAFI': IS THE USSR NOT A FULL ACCOMPLICE IN THE CRIME OF THE AGE?

COL. AL-QADHDHAFI: BUT THEY CANNOT STOP THE EMIGRATION. SOVIET JEWS ASKED FOR THIS AND NOTHING CAN PREVENT THEM. WE IN LIBYA CALLED--IN MESSAGES SENT TO ALL COUNTRIES' LEADERS--FOR LIFTING REPRESSION PRACTICED ON THE MASSES. HE WHO WANTS TO LEAVE ((HIS COUNTRY)) CAN DO SO. THIS MATTER CONCERNS THE MASSES. I MEAN IT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE USSR. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE

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ARABS IN THE FIRST PLACE IF THEY ARE CAPABLE TO STAND IN THE FACE OF THE IMMIGRANTS AND LIBERATE PALESTINE. THE IMMIGRATION IS NOT ONLY TO PALESTINE; IT MIGHT CONTINUE UNTIL IT REACHES TO ALL ARAB COUNTRIES. IT MIGHT BE A JEWISH, BLACK, YELLOW, OR RED IMMIGRATION. THERE IS VACUUM THAT IS FILLED BY PEOPLE.

IBRAHIM NAFI': BUT MIGHT NOT AN EXTRAORDINARY ARAB SUMMIT BE CAPABLE OF CONFRONTING THE IMMIGRATION?

COL. AL-QADHDHAFI: IT WILL NOT SUCCEED, BECAUSE IT CANNOT STOP THE IMMIGRATION OR DO ANYTHING. THE ISRAELIS CANNOT PLEDGE NOT TO SETTLE THE IMMIGRANTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY, THAT IS THE ENTIRE PALESTINE, OCCUPIED IN 1948 AND 1967. THERE WAS NOTHING CALLED ISRAEL. THE SO-CALLED ISRAELI GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IT CANNOT PREVENT THE IMMIGRANTS FROM SETTLING IN GAZA, THE WEST BANK, JERUSALEM, THE GOLAN, OR SOUTHERN LEBANON. SO-CALLED SHAMIR SAID THAT THE IMMIGRANTS ARE FREE TO RESIDE IN ANY PLACE THEY WANT. AND WE OURSELVES CANNOT ((PREVENT IT)).

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((TEXT)) IBRAHIM NAFI': LET US DISCUSS THIS POINT. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE IDEAS THAT CALL FOR AN INTEGRATED ECONOMIC PLAN FOR THE ARAB WORLD AT LARGE SO AS TO SECURE A STRONG NEGOTIATING POSITION WITH BLOCS THAT HAVE APPEARED IN THE EEC AND TO DEAL WITH THE SUBSEQUENT CHANGES THAT COULD OCCUR THERE?

COL. AL-QADHDHAFI: THIS CONSTITUTES THE CRUX OF THE CONFRONTATION NOW. THE FACT IS THAT ALL THE ARABS FEEL THAT THERE IS A NEW WORLD AND NEW CHALLENGES. THIS IS WHAT LED TO THE QUICK EMERGENCE OF THE ARAB COOPERATION BODIES. I AM OPTIMISTIC THAT WE WILL REACH A CERTAIN LEVEL OF UNITY--OF WHICH WE DREAM--SINCE THIS WILL GIVE US A STRONGER NEGOTIATING POSITION WITH THE WORLD BLOCS.

IBRAHIM NAFI': IS THIS MERELY A FEELING, YOUR EXCELLENCY?

COL. AL-QADHDHAFI: NO. WE BEGAN ACTUAL MOVEMENT SINCE THE EMERGENCE OF THESE THREE BODIES AND THE APPROVAL OF THE ARAB UNION PLAN. IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR SUCH A TO PLAN BE APPROVED. HOWEVER, IT WAS APPROVED AT THE CASABLANCA SUMMIT CONFERENCE. THEREFORE, IT IS

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NOT MERELY AN OPTIMISTIC FEELING. IT IS A FEELING THAT HAS PROMPTED ACTION.

IBRAHIM NAFI': IN THE VIEW OF COL. AL-QADHDHAFI, HOW CAN THE LARGEST DEGREE OF ARAB-AFRICAN COOPERATION BE ACHIEVED TO CONFRONT THE PROBLEMS FACING THE ARAB AND AFRICAN STATES TOGETHER?

COL. AL-QADHDHAFI: CERTAINLY, THE ARABS AND THE AFRICANS ARE VERY CLOSE TO EACH OTHER, ESPECIALLY SINCE HALF OF THE ARABS ARE AFRICANS. HOWEVER, THERE IS A COLONIALIST PLOT AGAINST THIS COOPERATION. AMONG THE LINKS OF THIS CONSPIRACY HAS BEEN THE CREATION OF A LIBYAN-CHADIAN PROBLEM, THE SOUTHERN SUDAN PROBLEM, AND THE CONFLICT BETWEEN MAURITANIA AND SENEGAL AND BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA. THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE ARABS AND AFRICANS HAS BEGUN TO EXTEND FROM SOMALIA TO MAURITANIA. THIS IS A GRAVE DEVELOPMENT THAT IS NOT IN THE INTEREST OF THE ARABS, ESPECIALLY SINCE SENEGAL, MALI, NIGER, CHAD, TANZANIA, AND ETHIOPIA HAVE AN ISLAMIC MAJORITY INFLUENCED BY ARAB CULTURE AND THE ARABIC LANGUAGE. EVEN RACIALLY, THESE NATIONS HAVE ARAB BLOOD RUNNING IN THEIR VEINS. THEY CANNOT AVOID MORE COHESION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ARAB-AFRICAN UNION. FOR EXAMPLE, MALI, NIGER, AND CHAD MAY JOIN THE ARAB MAGHREB UNION. THIS IS A CALL WHICH I RAISE. HOWEVER, THERE IS CURRENTLY AN EXTREMELY SERIOUS PLOT THAT HAS PROVED SUCCESSFUL TO A GREAT EXTENT. THIS PLOT IS AIMED AT EFFECTING A RIFT BETWEEN THE BLACK AFRICANS AND THE ARABS OR BETWEEN THE AFRICANS AND THE ARAB AFRICANS. COLONIALISM SYMPATHIZED WITH OTHERS AGAINST LIBYA, MAURITANIA, SUDAN, AND SOMALIA. EVEN THE ISLAMIC AFRICAN PEOPLES--THE CLOSEST TO THE ARABS AND MUSLIMS--HAVE BEEN DECEIVED BY THIS STAND. THE U.S. PEACE GROUPS HAVE PLAYED A MAJOR DESTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THIS PLOT.

IBRAHIM NAFI': THEREFORE, SHOULD WE CONTINUE TO TRACK THIS PLOT?

COL. AL-QADHDHAFI: DEFINITELY. WE MUST ASSERT THAT ARAB-AFRICAN UNITY IS A FATEFUL UNITY. WE MUST EXPOSE THE HIDDEN CONSPIRACY BEHIND EVERY DISPUTE, SUCH AS THE SENEGAL-MAURITANIA AND THE CHAD-LIBYA DISPUTES. ALL THESE DISPUTES MUST BE RESOLVED THROUGH FRIENDLY MEANS.

IBRAHIM NAFI': THIS LEADS TO A SPONTANEOUS QUESTION ABOUT COL. AL-QADHDHAFI'S VIEW OF THE SITUATION IN CHAD, LIBYA, AND SUDAN.

COL. AL-QADHDHAFI: REGARDING CHAD, I SAY THIS COUNTRY HAS FALLEN IN THE INTERNATIONAL GAME. THEREFORE, IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE HARMED, UNLESS IT DEPARTS THIS INTERNATIONAL GAME. THE CHADIAN PROBLEM HAS BEEN EXPLOITED AND CHAD HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A BASE. THEREFORE, IT IS MEANT TO BE KEPT IN A WHIRLPOOL SO AS TO HAVE A JUSTIFICATION FOR INTERFERENCE IN ITS AFFAIRS. THOSE BEING HARMED ARE THE CHADIAN PEOPLE. THEY HAVE BEEN ENDURING CIVIL WARS FOR 30 YEARS.

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